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Docket No.: MAYERHOFER

In re Application of:)
ROLAND MAYERHOFER et al.))
Appl. No.: 10/563,080) Group Art Unit: 2854
Filed: July 18, 2006) Confirmation No.: 8118
For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING A PRINTING PLATE FOR INTAGLIO PRINTING AND CORRESPONDING PRINTING PLATE)))

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56 applicant wishes to call the attention of attention of the Examiner to the references listed on enclosed form PTO-1449.

Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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In addition, applicant notes with respect to any information that is not in English language as follows:

An English-language Abstract is submitted with respect to Russian Patent No. 264092.

French Patent No. 2775744 describes a friction part having a friction layer consisting of hard ceramic particles (1) dispersed in a small quantity of soft nickel or copper based alloy matrix and has an intercommunicating pore network. A friction part includes a metal substrate coated with a composite friction layer consisting of (by vol.) 20-30% soft nickel or copper based alloy matrix (7) of 250-600 HV hardness, 40-60% dispersed hard ceramic particles (1) of 40-120 μ size and above 2000 HV hardness, and 20-30% intercommunicating pore network. The matrix consists of a nickel alloy of composition (by wt.) 15% Cr, 4% Fe, 3% B, 4% Si, <= 1% C, balance Ni and impurities. The substrate consists of a Cu-40Zn-Al brass.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art. Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0502.

Respectfully submitted

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